

Collaboration and Partnerships Perspectives



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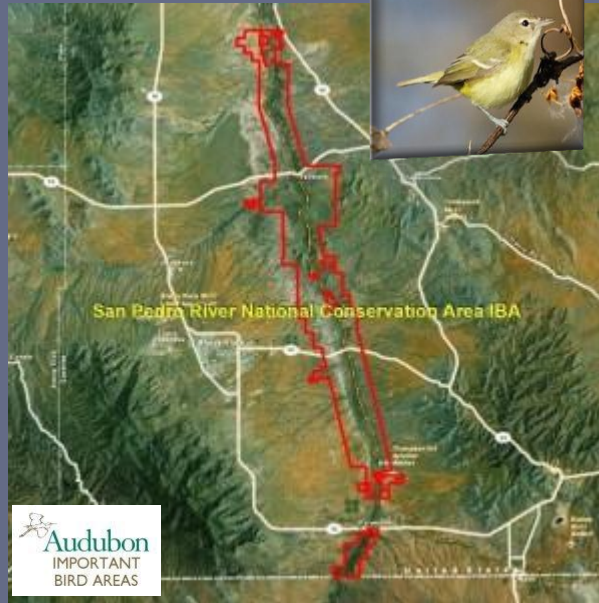
Partnerships

– Working Together



- *“Successful conservation by its very nature must be a partnership between the American People and their governments. The more the Department (of the Interior) can empower people as stewards of the land, the more effective we can be in our conservation mission.”*
- Department of the Interior Strategic Plan, p. 15

San Pedro Partnerships



Collaboration

-Seeking Solutions



- *“Collaboration is a cooperative process in which interested parties, often with widely varied interests, work together to seek solutions with broad support for Federal, State, and county managed public and other lands. Collaboration is all about building and maintaining relationships with communities of place and interest, partners, volunteers and cooperating agencies, and each other..”*
 - Bureau of Land Management Collaboration Desk Guide

IAP2 Spectrum

of Public Participation



International Association
for Public Participation

Increasing Level of Public Impact

Public participation goal

Inform

To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

Consult

To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.

Involve

To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.

Collaborate

To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.

Empower

To place final decision-making in the hands of the public.

Seven Guiding Principles in Collaboration

1. Build Lasting Relationships
2. Understand Legal Sideboards
3. Encourage Diverse Participation and Communication
4. Work at an appropriate scale
5. Empower the group
6. Share resources and rewards
7. Build internal support



Outcomes of Collaborative Planning

- Shared vision
- Shared understanding of socio-economic and environmental conditions, trends and thresholds
- Shared strategies
- Shared commitment of resources
- Healthy ecosystems, lands, and resources
- Resilient and prosperous communities
- Participatory monitoring
- Goals and indicators are being met
- Adjustments in response to new information



“The Congress recognizes that each person should enjoy a healthful environment and that each person has a responsibility to contribute to the preservation and enhancement of the environment.”

National Environmental Policy Act, Section 101

“The long-term protection and use of the public lands is everyone’s responsibility. The BLM cannot achieve this without the full participation and commitment of the American public.”

– Ann Aldrich, group manager, Planning, Assessment, and Community
Support